

REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
-- TO THE --
BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1946

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

My Lord, My Ladies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith my Report for the Year 1946 on
the lines indicated by the MINISTER OF HEALTH.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

WM. M. BURNS.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) 97,935.
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population (Mid-1946)... .. 18,220.
Approximate number of inhabited houses (end of 1946)... .. 6,100.
Rateable Value... .. £63,420.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate £255.

VITAL STATISTICS

	TOTAL	Male	Female	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
Live (Legitimate)	336	174	162	20.80
Births (Illegitimate)	43	24	19	(England & Wales 19.1)

	TOTAL	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Still births)
Stillbirths	7	3	4	18.13

	TOTAL	Male	Female	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
Deaths	231	112	119	12.67 (England & Wales 11.5)

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Still) births
<u>No: 29. Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis</u>	NIL	N I L
<u>No: 30. Other Puerperal causes</u>	NIL	

Death Rate of Infants under one year :-

<u>All infants per 1,000 live births</u>	18.47
<u>Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate</u> <u>live births</u>	17.85
<u>Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate</u> <u>live births</u>	23.25

<u>Deaths from Cancer (all ages)</u>	34
<u>Deaths from Measles (all ages)</u>	NIL
<u>Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)</u>	NIL
<u>Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)</u>	NIL

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1. LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the County Laboratory, Bond Street, Ipswich, except for the chemical analysis of water which is carried out by the Public Analyst, Mr. W. Lincolne Sutton of Norwich.

2. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The ambulances of the Ipswich and Lowestoft Isolation Hospitals are available for cases of Infectious Disease. During the year the County Ambulance Scheme came into being. There is one ambulance in the Rural District and that is at Framlingham. Others available are at Southwold, Halesworth, Aldeburgh and Woodbridge.

3. The County Council is the authority for Maternity and Child Welfare, and School Medical Services, also the Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Schemes.

4. WATER

Supplies to the piped areas have been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. Samples taken from the public supply at Framlingham have been reported on as follows :-

Chemical Examination

... "of excellent organic quality, free from any sign of pollution and quite fit for drinking purposes. Slightly ferruginous, developing a rusty sediment on exposure to air".

Bacteriological Examination ... "No evidence of harmful pollution".

The samples taken were of water going into supply. Treatment is chlorination followed by aeration by cascading.

None of the public waters have plumbo-solvent action.

PARISHES WITH PIPE SUPPLIES

P A R I S H	Number of houses supplied from public mains	
	Direct to Houses	By Standpipe
Aldringham-cum-Thorpe	181	6
Cransford	6	29
Framlingham	560	20
Knodishall	100	-
Parham	9	77
Saxtead	10	58
Walberswick	203	-

The supply in Aldringham-cum-Thorpe is a private one provided by Thorpeness Ltd. The water supply position in several parts of the District without mains is unsatisfactory as regards both quality and quantity, but a comprehensive scheme is in preparation for the supply of water to the Rural District.

5. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No new works of sewerage or sewage disposal have been carried out during the year.

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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
(Other than Tuberculosis)

	A G E									TOTAL	Admitted to Hospital	Died
	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-			
<u>Scarlet Fever</u>		3	2	5	2	3				15	4	
<u>Diphtheria</u>						1				1		
<u>Typhoid</u>												
<u>Paratyphoid</u>												
<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>							1			1		
<u>Pneumonia</u>	1	1	2	3		3	1	1	1	13		6
<u>Erysipelas</u>								1		1	1	
<u>Malaria</u>												
<u>Dysentery</u>												
<u>Infectious Jaundice</u>				3	5	1	2			X14	1	
	X Including three cases where the age was not given											

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Diphtheria Immunisation was carried out during the year - 245 children under 5 and 60 over that age had the initial treatment. After a lapse of some years the resistance to this disease tends to drop, so a reinforcing dose was given to 1,877 children.

SCABIES

Twenty-four families were known to have suffered from scabies and were treated successfully. No doubt there were quite a number of other cases treated by their own doctors. This is not a notifiable infectious disease.

T U B E R C U L O S I S

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-								
1-							1	
5-	1					1		2
15-	1	2	1	3				
25-	1	1		1				
35-								
45-	1	1	1			1		
55-					1			
65 and upwards	1							

There was no significant change in the
numbers on the Tuberculosis Register.
